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In re application of:

William D. Huse

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For: ANTI- $\alpha_v\beta_3$ RECOMBINANT
HUMAN ANTIBODIES, NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING SAME AND
METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001,
entry of the following amendments and consideration of the
following remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

56. (Twice amended) An enhanced LM609 grafted
antibody exhibiting selective binding affinity to $\alpha_v\beta_3$, or a
functional fragment thereof, comprising one or more CDRs having
at least one amino acid substitution in one or more CDRs of a